

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	11/075,722	PEARMAN, ROBERT E.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sean M. Michalski	3725	

All Participants:

(1) Sean M. Michalski.

(2) Robert Smith.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____

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Date of Interview: 19 May 2006

Time: 11:37 AM

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Claims discussed:

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Prior art documents discussed:

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

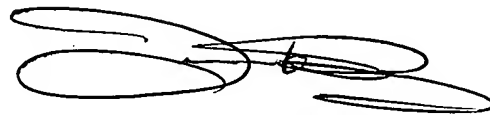
- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

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(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed:
Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Smith on 05/19/2006. In applicants amended claims filed 04/11/2006, in claim 7 the recitation of "means for mounting" no longer has antecedent basis, since that text was cancelled from claim 2. Further, the allowable subject matter "a hairpin strip..." may not be included in the claim without an indication as to it's relationship with the invention. Adding the limitation that the knife is mounted with a screw renders unclear the operation of the hairpin strip. In a telephone conversation on 05/19/2006 Examiner and Applicant came to an understanding regarding the claim, that the two ways of operably attaching the knife (hairpin strip and screw) were not mutually exclusive and they could be used interchangeably by a user of the tool. .



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